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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hitoshi SAKAMOTO, et al.

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FOR: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR THE FORMATION OF A METAL FILM

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/926,624, filed November 27, 2001, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.
- Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**: Application No. Date Filed
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

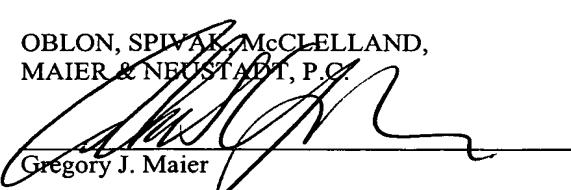
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Japan	2000-085511	March 27, 2000
Japan	2000-108120	April 10, 2000
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